

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on April 22, 2008 in room F-3 at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
John Maycock, Clerk  
Gary McLeod  
Susan O'Brien

Members Absent: Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson  
Bette Botticello, Alternate  
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:32PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on April 11, 2008.

**APPLICATION NO. 3585-08.** Anthony and Ann Bascetta seeking to enclose existing porch at 36 Northbrick Lane.

Ann and Anthony Bascetta of 36 Northbrick Lane appeared before the commission. Also appearing was John Console and Sal Vernali of Sal Vernali Builders.

Ms. Bascetta explained that the project calls for enclosing a porch that is currently screened. She described the proposed windows as being Andersen aluminum clad casement windows that will be 4' high and 6' wide. The trim will be white.

The applicants are proposing to change the siding on the entire house, but an application for the new siding was not filed. The plan calls for the enclosed porch to be sided with vinyl siding to match the house.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3583-08.** Paul Landers seeking to install a 6' wood fence at 58 Main Street.

Paul Landers of 58 Main Street appeared before the commission. He provided a plot plan which displayed the location of the proposed fence.

Mr. Landers explained that he planned on changing the first 48' of the existing fence. The proposed fence is wood. There will be one transition piece to meet the existing fence, and one gate facing Main Street.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3584-08.** Jean and Brian Freeman seeking to remove existing glass greenhouse and replace with a conventional room at 59 Church Street.

Gary Vivian of Cactus Design, 43 Old Pewter Lane appeared before the commission on behalf of the applicants. Photographs and elevations were provided.

The proposed room will be built on the same footprint as the existing greenhouse. The windows will be Eagle wood aluminum clad casement windows. Muntins will be applied to the glass to make the windows appear to be double-hung.

The proposed siding will be cementitious board to match the exposure on the current siding.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Robert Smart of 62 Church Street appeared before the commission to speak in favor of the project.

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**APPLICATION NO. 3585-08.** Leigh and Betty Standish seeking to install a storage shed at 282 Hartford Avenue.

Betty Standish of 282 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. Manufacturer's information on the shed was provided.

The proposed shed is a pre-fab shed made by Kloter Farms. It will be located at the back of the driveway. Plain solid doors on the shed will face the street.

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**APPLICATION NO. 3586-08.** Carol Kober-Narciss seeking to install 3 additional parking spaces to existing parking lot at 7 Railroad Place.

Carol Kober-Narciss of 7 Railroad Place appeared before the commission. She explained that she wishes to add three additional parking spaces between the gazebo and current parking spaces. The gazebo may be moved a foot or so to ensure there is enough room for the spaces. In addition, the gazebo may be turned so that the entrance faces away from the parking area.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 3587-08.** Amendment to Application #3578-08. Richard Turner Co., LLC seeking to change the stipulated mitered corners to cornerboards at 7 Wilcox Street.

Richard Turner of 31 Murphy Drive Rocky Hill appeared before the commission on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Turner stated that cornerboards were found when portions of the siding were removed. He provided photographs of the revealed cornerboards. He would like to duplicate the cornerboards that exist using manufactured trim to match the new siding.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, and seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on all the applications.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

**APPLICATION NO. 3585-08.** Anthony and Ann Bascetta seeking to enclose existing porch at 36 Northbrick Lane.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey suggested the application be tabled until the applicant could provide samples of the proposed siding for the porch and the house.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

**APPLICATION NO. 3583-08.** Paul Landers seeking to install a 6' wood fence at 58 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

**APPLICATION NO. 3584-08.** Jean and Brian Freeman seeking to remove existing glass greenhouse and replace with a conventional room at 59 Church Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner O'Brien noted that application was very thorough and the project will enhance a very lovely home.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

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Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

**APPLICATION NO. 3586-08.** Carol Kober-Narciss seeking to install 3 additional parking spaces to existing parking lot at 7 Railroad Place.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

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Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: April 8, 2008**

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

Kristin Stearley reported that she received a call from someone looking for information on the signs posted on homes that provide the date the house was built and a picture of a red onion. The caller wanted to know where the signs could be purchased. Commissioners were not aware that signs with the red onion were available and did not know where the caller could purchase such signs.

Discussion ensued as to whether these types of signs should be regulated by the commission.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

None.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:16PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, O'Brien

Respectfully Submitted  
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock  
Clerk